

NOTE FOR: Mr. Coffey

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1. [REDACTED] dropped in (he is one of the retirees who was delayed for a few days to reap the benefits of the pay bill). He told me of a request that he had had a few months ago by the Tech Division of Security on a remake of the film on audio. He said he heard nothing more then learned about three months later that the film was being made by someone by the name of [REDACTED] out on the West Coast at a cost of about \$75,000. He recited the story as a prelude to saying that he is going to have a business association with [REDACTED] who is the man who wrote and directed our two most recent films with National Estimates and Need To Know. He, I think very honestly, said that he would always carry with him an interest and respect for the Agency and hoped that should we have other films of this nature that we keep in mind the fact that he and [REDACTED] probably could do as well or better and a whole lot cheaper. They both have full clearances and obviously are very knowledgeable of the Agency. He told me that Training was going to try to contract to keep him on the string to keep his clearances current.

This is something we should keep in the back of our minds should other film requirements come up and might be worth mentioning to the Office Heads.

2. Tom K. called about the Senior Seminar. He said that as he does with most courses he met with his people who had attended. They all felt it was a very good course and should be continued. They felt that it could be shorter (this does not exactly agree with what I read in their critiques). They all made the point that it was critical to the success of the course that only truly qualified people attend - this is consistent with most of the critiques I read.

The point of his call was that Training had already asked for nominees for the next running in March. He felt that the scheduling of the course should be to fit the availability of qualified seminarians rather than a hard schedule which might result in some lowering of selection standards. I told him that I had heard nothing about any schedule for the next running particularly since I was sure the Director had not yet even focused on the decision to continue the course.

It is obvious, of course, that OTR must have some sort of fixed schedule in order to fit all of their pieces together. At the same time there is validity in the argument that we should not do to the Senior Seminar what has happened to the NIS. Nevertheless, I think that OTR would have been well advised to move a little more deliberately. I have said nothing to Hugh or Rod for the moment. I did tell Tom that we would be looking into this and I certainly understood his reluctance for the moment in coming up with new candidates although I was pleased to know of his fundamental endorsement of the course. STATINTL

3. Blake called to say that [REDACTED] representative met with [REDACTED] STATINTL today, Thursday, and the meeting went much better than expected. The [REDACTED] STATINTL representative proposes to make an appointment to see the public printer perhaps tomorrow. [REDACTED] offered and it was accepted to send [REDACTED] along to explain to the public printer what PSD had available which might be used to ease the Public Printer's production task. All is not roses, however, for this next step depends upon [REDACTED] acceptance. His representative tol [REDACTED] that they had on hand already over 800 requests from the private sector for copies of the publication and this suggests that [REDACTED] might not be willing to accept the time delay which would be inherent in the public printer's accepting the job.

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4. [REDACTED] and I had a brief word with Colonel White regarding the distribution of the fact book to our committees with particular reference to declassification and the second paragraph of the foreword. Colonel White rather abruptly said that it should not be distributed and by implication saw nothing wrong with leaving the paragraph stand but went on to emphasize that the booklet should not leave the hands of CIA employees. It was that [REDACTED] would talk to Bill Colby again on Congressional distribution issue and would reflect Colonel White's reaction. Presumably at that point it is up to Colby and White to settle their differences.

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Incidentally I was quietly discussing this with [REDACTED] at the table STATINTL before the Director came to the Morning Meeting and Larry Houston recognizing the subject of our discussion re-emphasized his concern on the same points with which [REDACTED] expressed curiosity and read the foreword and immediately enforced what we have been saying "that would sure pour gasoline on the fire."

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